

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the claims that would be allowable in the present application in the Office action dated August 15, 2005.

Status of the Claims:

Of the pending claims, Claims 21 and 34 have been amended. Claims 33 and 51 have been withdrawn from consideration in the present application. Claims 22-26, 29, 31, 32, and 35-50 are in the form previously presented.

Remarks:

In the Office Action dated August 15, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 21-26, 29, 31, 32 and 34-50 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). The Examiner also stated that claims 51 and 33 would be allowable if re-written to include the underlying independent claims (claims 21 and 34). As such, the Applicants have amended independent claims 21 and 34 to include the respective allowable dependent claims. In doing so, the Applicants now believe that claims 21 and 34 are now in condition for allowance, pursuant to the Examiner's remarks. Further, the remaining dependent claims (claims 22-26, 29, 31, 32 and 35-50) all now depend on independent claims that are in condition for allowance. As such, claims 22-26, 29, 31, 32, and 35-50 should also be in condition for allowance.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 21-26, 29, 31, 32 and 34-50.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 226-1818, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,
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